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July 29, 2015

TO:

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Executive Officer

FROM:

Russ Guiney

Director, Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16

REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

In accordance with the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (Chapter 1, Article 4, commencing with Section 22565 of the California Streets and Highways Code) and Section 5539.9 of the California Public Resources Code, I am filing the annual Engineer's Report for the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

If your staff has any questions, please contact Jane Beesley of my staff at (213) 738-2981.

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Attachment

c: Each Supervisor Chief Executive Officer

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ENGINEER'S REPORT

FOR

LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT (LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 92-1)

June 30, 2015

INTRODUCTION

On November 3, 1992, Los Angeles County voters approved Proposition A, the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition (1992 Proposition), for the purpose of providing \$540 million worth of park, recreation, and open space improvements throughout the County. The Proposition created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (Landscaping and Lighting District No. 92-1), (the District), and provided for the levy of a benefit assessment to fund the improvements.

On November 5, 1996, Los Angeles County voters approved Proposition A, the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), increasing the District's annual benefit assessment, amending the methodology of applying the assessment to each assessable parcel and authorizing an additional \$319 million worth of park, recreation, and open space improvements throughout the County.

On March 30, 1993, the Board of Supervisors, acting in its capacity as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, designated the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation as District Engineer.

RATE AND METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

The 1992 Proposition provided for the levy of a benefit assessment for 22 years (Fiscal Year 1993-94 through 2014-15) and set the maximum rate of the assessment at \$9.39 per benefit point. The 1996 Proposition provided for an assessment of \$5.07 per benefit point for 22 years (Fiscal Year 1997-98 through 2018-19), resulting in a combined total assessment of \$14.46 per benefit point for 18 years beginning in Fiscal Year 1997-98 and \$5.07 per benefit point for the last four years ending Fiscal Year 2018-19. Each parcel within the District is assigned benefit points based on the size and use of the parcel in accordance with formulas set forth in the Engineer's Report adopted on March 17, 1992, as part of the District's formation and modified in accordance with formulas set forth in the Final Engineer's Report, as amended and adopted on June 18, 1996. The number of benefit points allocated to a parcel is multiplied by the assessment rate to determine the benefit assessment for each parcel.

The Auditor-Controller of the County of Los Angeles generates the current year's net assessment on all assessable parcels. The Auditor-Controller's records are incorporated by reference herein and made part of this Report.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

A diagram of the District, including the general location of the improvements specified in the Propositions, is attached. Documents showing the general nature, location and description of all proposed improvements and their estimated costs are on file at the District's administrative headquarters, 510 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90020, and are included herein by reference.

ESTIMATED COST OF IMPROVEMENTS

The following is a summary of the cost of the improvements as provided in the Propositions, as well as inception-to-date expenditures on those improvements for Fiscal Year 2013-14, and estimated expenditures for Fiscal Years 2014-15 and 2015-16.

	Amount	1 Inception To Date	Estd Actual	Estimated
Proposition A -1992	Included In	Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures
Bond Funded Projects	Proposition	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1	\$241,739,832		*****	
City Projects County Projects	\$110,781,938	\$239,764,033 \$110,781,938	\$1,975,799	\$0 \$0
CSC/Others	\$7,868,058	\$7,868,058	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
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Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy Competitive Grants	\$785,000 \$27,874,291	\$785,000 \$27,874,291	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
Subtotal	\$389,049,119	\$387,073,320	\$1,975,799	\$0
Assessment Funded Projects				
City Projects	\$45,756,879	\$37,086,178	\$6,277,847	\$1,198,994
County Projects	\$36,275,833	\$31,914,895	\$325,003	\$2,270,654
CSC/Others	\$13,617,460	\$13,199,460	\$0	\$209,000
Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy	\$42,175,000	\$41,859,060	\$0	\$315,941
Competitive Grants/SMMC	\$13,125,709	\$8,044,596	\$907,302	\$1,177,980
Subtotal	\$150,950,881	\$132,104,189	\$7,510,152	\$5,172,569
Total Cost of 1992 Improvements	\$540,000,000	\$519,177,509	\$9,485,951	\$5,172,569
Proposition A - 1996				
Bond Funded Projects				
City Projects	\$86,811,779	\$86,811,779	\$0	\$0
County Projects	\$56,251,426	\$56,251,426	\$0	\$0
CSC/Others	\$12,155,000	\$12,155,000	\$0	\$0
Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy	\$2,005,000	\$2,005,000	\$0	\$0
Competitive Grants	\$7,407,055	\$7,407,055	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$164,630,260	\$164,630,260	\$0	\$0
Assessment Funded Projects				
City Projects	\$50,447,895	\$40,506,815	\$2,102,522	\$4,931,047
County Projects	\$36,571,462	\$30,572,426	\$1,226,065	\$2,776,837
CSC/Others	\$19,610,511	\$9,986,828	\$0	\$109,441
Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy	\$37,146,927	\$36,758,871	\$0	\$388,055
Competitive Grants/SMMC	\$10,592,945	\$5,154,809	\$1,454	\$25,000
Subtotal	\$154,369,740	\$122,979,749	\$3,330,041	\$8,230,380
Total Cost of 1996 Improvements	\$319,000,000	\$287,610,009	\$3,330,041	\$8,230,380
Total Cost of All Improvements	\$859,000,000	\$806,787,518	\$12,815,992	\$13,402,949

¹Proposition amounts have been adjusted to reflect assignment of funds among agencies and payments either by bond or assessment funding.

DIAGRAM OF DISTRICT

The boundaries of the District are coterminous with the boundaries of the County of Los Angeles. The lines and dimensions for each lot or parcel within the District are those lines and dimensions shown on the maps of the Assessor of the County of Los Angeles, which support the tax roll for Fiscal Year 2015-16. The Assessor's maps and records are incorporated by reference herein and made part of this Report.

ASSESSMENT OF COST OF IMPROVEMENTS

The District estimates that \$28,186,027 in assessments will be levied in Fiscal Year 2015-16. The following table includes the calculation of the total assessments levied and the estimated expenditure breakdown based on the requirements of the Propositions, approved project agreements, and the bond indenture. This breakdown includes only the assessments anticipated in Fiscal Year 2015-16 and does not include interest earned or carry-over balances from previous years.

Assessment Calculation	Estimated 2015-16
Total Benefit Points	5,571,603
Assessment Per Benefit Point	\$5.07
Total Assessments	\$28,248,027
Less Adjustment due to appeals & parcel enrollment losses	(\$62,000)
Net Assessments	\$28,186,027
Assessment Expenditures	
Estimated Delinquencies	\$651,097
Administration	\$1,376,746
Maintenance & Servicing Allocations	\$4,130,239
Debt Service Payments	\$227,679
Debt Service Payment Pledge-Oct. 2016	\$13,022,819
Future Assessment-Funded Projects and Reserves	\$8,777,447
Total Expenditures	\$28,186,027

BOND PRINCIPAL

The District sold its first series of bonds on May 12, 1994. Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Limited Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 1994A, had a total principal value of \$176,650,000. In November 1997, the District issued Series 1997A bonds in the amount of \$510,185,000 to finance capital projects funded through both Propositions and to advance refund the Series 1994A bonds. The advance refunding amounted to \$174,969,622. In January 2005, the District issued series 2005A bonds amounting to \$181,220,000, refunding the portion of the 1997A series that did not cover the 1994A bond refund. The action saved the District more than \$3,000,000 in debt service. In February 2007, the District issued Series 2007A revenue bonds in the amount of \$94,315,000 refunding the balance of the 1997A outstanding bonds. Lower interest rates on the new series saved the District almost \$18.000,000 in debt services.

PARCELS ASSESSED

The estimated change in the total number of parcels assessed on the Assessor's tax roll for regular parcels is listed below:

	Assessor's Regular	Roll	
	Actual	Estimated	
<u>Description</u>	2014-15	2015-16	Change
Total Parcels	2,324,281	2,326,145	1,864
Exempt	(4,975)	(4,919)	56
Exceptions	(3,058)	(3,093)	(35)
Parcels Assessed	2,316,248	2,318,133	1,885

Summary of Assessable Parcels (By Use)				
	Actual	Estimated		
Description	2014-15	2015-16	Change	
Single-Family Residential	1,782,158	1,785,486	3,328	
Multi-Family Residential	242,921	243,196	275	
Mobile Homes	2,430	2,453	23	
Commercial/Industrial	139,966	139,827	(139)	
Vacant	148,773	147,171	(1,602)	
Parcels Assessed	2,316,248	_2,318,133	1,885	

FUNDING FOR 2015-16

The District anticipates generating \$30,149,861 in revenue during Fiscal Year 2015-16 from benefit assessments, collection of delinquent prior year assessments, interest on assessment collections, and penalties and penalty interest resulting from late payments. A complete accounting of both assessment and bond revenue is available in the section titled "Revenue and Expenses."

Revenue Source		Estimated 2015-16
Benefit Assessments		\$28,186,027
Less Anticipated Delinquencies	2.31%	(\$651,097)
Add Prior Year Assessment Collected		\$1,861,000
Interest Earned¹		\$24,931
Penalties & Penalty Interest		\$729,000
Total Funds Generated		\$30,149,861

¹ Includes interest on assessment revenue fund only.

MAINTENANCE & SERVICING ALLOCATION

As required in both the 1992 and 1996 Propositions, the District annually sets aside a portion of the assessments collected for allocation among all eligible agencies to offset increases in maintenance and servicing costs resulting from the improvements funded through the District.

The amount set aside annually for maintenance and servicing is 15 percent of the assessments collected (including penalties, penalty interest and prior year delinquent assessments collected) less \$1,700,000, which is deducted from the City of Los Angeles' allocation and returned to the District for debt service in accordance with Section 23(b) of the 1992 Proposition and Section 23(b) of the 1996 Proposition.

The total maintenance and servicing funding available in any given year includes the fund balance from the previous year and the current fiscal year funding. These amounts for 2013-14, 2014-15, and 2015-16 are as follows:

	Actual	Estimated	Estimated
	Allocation	Actual Allocation	Allocation
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Beginning Fund Balance	\$46,468,691	\$46,087,414	\$48,107,494
Benefit Assessment	\$12,230,266	\$12,192,079	\$4,522,479
Interest ¹	(\$102,556)	\$0	\$0
Less Expenditures ²	(\$12,508,987)	(\$10,171,999)	(\$11,340,493)
Ending Fund Balance	\$46,087,414	\$48,107,494	\$41,289,480

¹Interest was redirected to project fund starting 2013-14.

²Includes the \$1,700,000 annual payments from City of Los Angeles maintenance and servicing allocation to debt service.

REVENUE & EXPENSES

Bond-Funded Project Costs **

Fund Balance

Subtotal

Total

The disposition of funds generated by the District is shown in the table below. This accounting has been compiled from County records, which are available for inspection at the District administrative headquarters, 510 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90020.

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\$173,991

\$3,812,099

\$3,986,090

\$1,975,799

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	Actual	Actual	Estimated Actual	Estimated
Assessment-Based Revenue	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Fund Balance from Prior Year	\$303,552,768	\$312,588,444	\$304,147,205	\$307,946,818
Prior Year Debt Service Pledge	\$32,165,694	\$32,869,319	\$33,617,944	\$34,384,569
Assessments Collected	\$80,476,441	\$80,198,742	\$80,718,779	\$29,395,930
Penalties & Penalty Interest	\$807,981	\$814,737	\$814,774	\$729,000
Interest *	\$2,178,183	\$2,214,011	\$5,000,372	\$2,368,617
Total	\$419,181,067	\$428,685,253	\$424,299,074	\$374,824,934
Assessment-Based Expenditures				
Administrative Costs Paid	\$4,771,456	\$5,961,381	\$6,632,947	\$8,237,000
Maintenance & Servicing Paid	\$14,630,071	\$10,808,987	\$8,471,999	\$9,640,493
Excess Maintenance & Servicing Paid	\$0	\$0	\$2,442,670	\$2,931,204
Assessment-Funded Project Costs	\$5,000,885	\$5,052,980	\$10,840,193	\$13,402,949
Excess Funded Project Costs	\$13,784,888	\$33,518,484	\$18,024,821	\$21,776,064
Debt Service Payments	\$35,780,013	\$35,752,263	\$35,732,513	\$35,692,388
Debt Service Pledge	\$32,625,310	\$33,443,953	\$34,207,113	\$12,880,163
Subtotal	\$106,592,623	\$124,538,048	\$116,352,256	\$104,560,261
Fund Balance	\$312,588,444	\$304,147,205	\$307,946,818	\$270,264,673
Total	\$419,181,067	\$428,685,253	\$424,299,074	\$374,824,934
	Actual	Actual	Estimated Actual	Estimated
Bond-Based Revenue	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Fund Balance From Prior Year	\$1,906,936	\$3,812,099	\$3,812,099	\$0
Bond Proceeds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Reserve 2007A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Refunding Escrow Deposits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Premium on Bond	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest on Bond Proceeds *	\$176,798	\$173,991	(\$1,658,845)	\$142,656
Total	\$2,083,734	\$3,986,090	\$2,153,254	\$142,656
Bond-Based Expenditures				
Debt Service Reserve 1997A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Pledge	\$244,009	\$173,991	\$177,455	\$142,656
Cost of Issuance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Refunding Escrow Deposits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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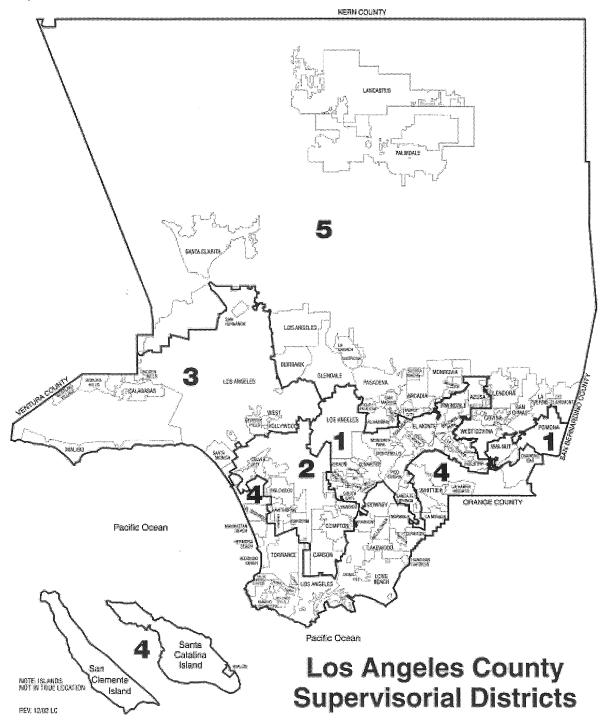
^{\$2,083,734} * 1.8363M refund for Arbitrage Rebate Calculation from IRS in 2011/12 was transferred to Administration Fund in 2014/15.

^{**} Credit to project costs represent refunds from cities for cancelled projects previously funded by bond proceeds.

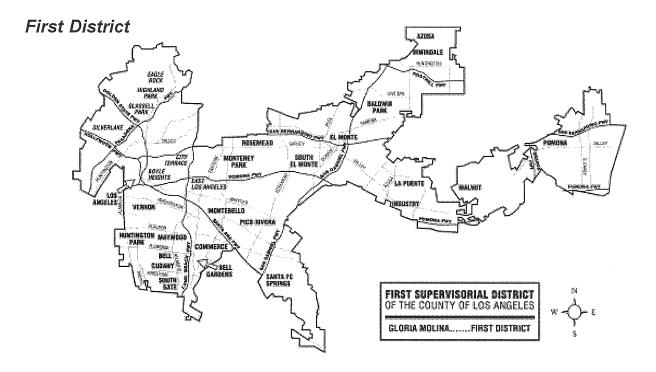
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County Map

The following map of the the County of Los Angeles shows the geographic layout of the five Supervisional Districts:



County of Los Angeles



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Cities and communities within the First District:

Cities	Vernon	Sunshine Acres
Azusa	Walnut	Valinda
Baldwin Park	Unincorporated Areas	Walnut Park
Bell	Avocado Heights	West Puente Valley
Bell Gardens	Bandini (islands)	West Whittier (portion)
Commerce	Bassett	Whittier Narrows
Cudahy	Citrus (Covina islands) (portion)	Los Angeles City
El Monte	East Azusa (islands) (portion)	Boyle Heights
Huntington Park	East Los Angeles:	Chinatown
Industry	Belvedere Gardens	Downtown
Irwindale	City Terrace	Eagle Rock
La Puente	Eastmont	Echo Park
Los Angeles (portion)	Florence (portion)	El Sereno
Maywood	Firestone (portion)	Expo Park (portion)
Montebello	Graham (portion)	Glassell Park
Monterey Park	Hacienda Heights (portion)	Highland Park
Pico Rivera	Los Nietos (portion)	Lincoln Heights
Pomona	North Claremont (islands) (portion)	Little Tokyo
Rosemead	Rowland Heights (portion)	Silver Lake (portion)
Santa Fe Springs	South San Gabriel	Westlake
South El Monte	South San Jose Hills	Wholesale District
South Gate	South Whittier (portion)	(portion) MARCH 2009

Second District

Cities and communities within the Second District:

Cities

Carson

Compton

Culver City

Gardena

Hawthorne

Inglewood

Lawndale

Los Angeles (portion)

Lynwood

Unincorporated Areas

Athens (or West

Athens)

Baldwin Hills

Del Aire

East Compton

El Camino Village

Firestone (portion)

Florence (portion)

Graham (portion)

Ladera Heights

Lennox

Marina Del Rey (portion)

Rancho Dominguez

View Park

West Carson

West Compton

West Rancho Dominguez

Westmont

Willowbrook

Windsor Hills

Wiseburn

Los Angeles City

Adams

Barnes City

Central Avenue

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Crenshaw

SECONO SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECOND DISTRICT

Expo Park (portion)

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Green Meadows

Hollywood (portion)

Koreatown

La Brea

Mar Vista

Miracle Mile (portion)

North Shoestring

Palms (portion)

Sawtelle (portion)

South Park

South Vermont

Venice (portion) Vermont Square

Watts

West Adams

Cal. Store Line. Commission |

Westchester (portion)

Westlake (portion)

Wholesale District

(portion)

Wilshire Center (portion)

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Third District

Cities and communities within the Third District:

Cities	Topanga Canyon	Chatsworth (portion)	Sawtelle (portion)
Agoura Hills	Fernwood	Encino	Sepulveda
Beverly Hills	Glenview	Hancock Park	Sherman Oaks
Calabasas	Sylvia Park	Hollywood (portion)	
Hidden Hills	Topanga	, ,	Silver Lake (portion)
Los Angeles (portion)	Universal City	Lakeview Terrace	Studio City
Malibu	•	Los Feliz	Sun Valley (portion)
San Fernando	Valley Glen	Miracle Mile (portion)	Sunland (portion)
	Veterans	Mission Hills (portion)	Sylmar (portion)
Santa Monica	Administration Center	Mount Olympus	Tarzana
West Hollywood	West Chatsworth	North Hills	Toluca Lake
Westlake Village	(portion)	North Hollywood	Valley Village
	Los Angeles City	Northridge	Van Nuys
Unincorporated Areas	Arleta	Pacific Palisades	Venice (portion)
Agoura	Atwater Village	Pacoima	Warner Center
Calabasas (adjacent)	Bel Air	Palms (portion)	West Los Angeles
Calabasas Highlands	Benedict-Coldwater	Panorama City	Westwood
Franklin Canyon	Canyons	Park La Brea	Wilshire Center (portion)
Lake Balboa	Beverly Glen	Rancho Park	Winnetka
Malibu Vista	Brentwood	Reseda	Woodland Hills
Mulholland Corridor	Canoga Park (portion)		
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Fourth District

Cities and communities within the Fourth District:

Cities

Artesia
Avalon
Bellflower
Cerritos
Diamond Bar
Downey
El Segundo
Hawaiian Gardens

La Habra Heights La Mirada Lakewood Lomita

Hermosa Beach

Long Beach

Los Angeles (portion)

Manhattan Beach

Norwalk
Palos Verdes
Estates

Paramount

Rancho Palos Verdes

Redondo Beach

Rolling Hills

Rolling Hills Estates

Signal Hill Torrance Whittier

Unincorporated Areas

East Whittier

Hacienda Heights (portion)

La Rambla

Long Beach (islands)
Los Cerritos Wetlands
Los Nietos (portion)
Marina del Rey (portion)
Northeast Whittier (portion)
Rowland Heights (portion)
San Clemente Island
Santa Catalina Island
South Whittier (portion)

West Carson

West Whittier (portion)

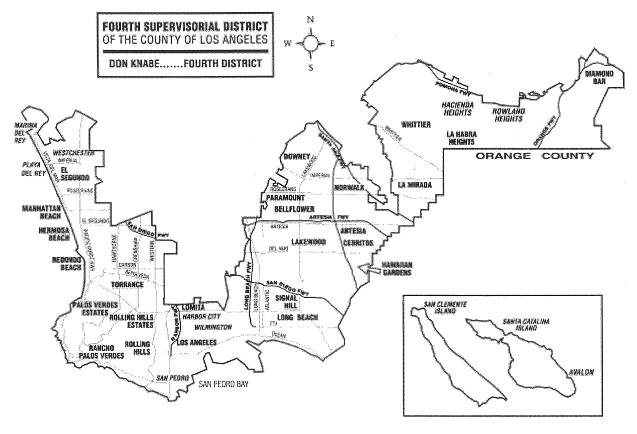
Westfield

Los Angeles City

Harbor City Playa del Rey San Pedro

Westchester (portion)

Wilmington



County of Los Angeles

Fifth District

Cities and communities within

the Fifth District:

Cities

Alhambra

Arcadia

Bradbury

Burbank

Claremont

Covina

Duarte

Glendale

Glendora

La Canada-Flintridge

La Verne

Lancaster

Los Angeles (portion)

Monrovia

Palmdale

Pasadena

San Dimas

San Gabriel

San Marino

Santa Clarita

Sierra Madre

South Pasadena Temple City

West Covina

Los Angeles City

Canoga Park (portion)

Chatsworth (portion)

Granada Hills

Mission Hills (portion)

Olive View Hospital (in

Sylmar)

Porter Ranch

Sunland (portion)

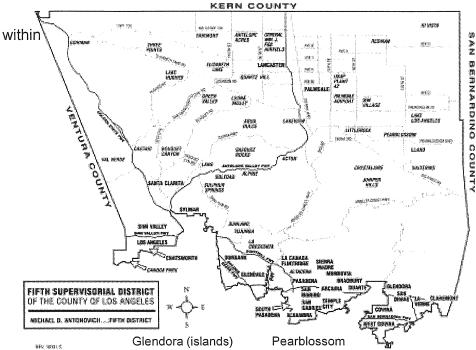
Sun Valley (portion)

Tujunga

Unincorporated

Areas

Acton



Agua Dulce

Alpine Altadena

Antelope Acres

Big Pines

Bouquet Canyon

Castaic

Castaic Junction

Charter Oak

(islands)

Chatsworth (portion)

Citrus (islands) (portion)

Crystalaire

Deer Lake

Highlands

Del Sur

East Azusa (islands)

(portion) East Pasadena

East San Gabriel

El Dorado

Elizabeth Lake

Fairmont

Forrest Park

Glendora (islands)

Gorman

Green Valley

Hi Vista

Juniper Hills

Kagel Canyon Kinneola Mesa

La Crescenta

Lake Hughes

Lake Los Angeles

Lake View

Lang

Leona Valley

Littlerock

Llano

Longview

Mint Canyon

Monrovia/Arcadia/

Duarte (islands)

Montrose

Neenach

Newhall

North Claremont (islands) (portion)

Northeast San Dimas

(islands)

Pearblossom

Placerita Canyon

Quartz Hill

Redman

Roosevelt

San Pasqual

Soledad

Stevenson Ranch

Sulphur Springs

Sunland/Sylmar/

Tujunga (adjacent)

Sun Village

Three Points

Twin Lakes

Val Verde

Valvermo

Vasquez Rocks

West Arcadia

(islands)

West Chatsworth

(portion)

West Pomona

(islands)

White Fence Farms

Wilsona Gardens

Wrightwood